

WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Fox, Public Member, Chairperson
Judy Morrison, RDH
Joella Pyatt, RDH
Corinne Boes, RDH

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki Brown, Program Manager 3
Joy King, Executive Director
Jennifer Bressi, Program Manager 1
Sandra Adix, Assistant Attorney General
Kristin Reichl, Rules Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: No guests were present

The Dental Hygiene Examining Committee met at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 10, 2006, at the Department of Health, Point Plaza East, 310 Israel Rd SE, Room 153, Tumwater, WA 98501.

OPEN SESSION – 10:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Peter Fox, Public Member, Chairperson.

A. Approval of Agenda

The February 10, 2006 agenda was approved as amended. The following items were added: Introductions to item #1, Dental Assisting National Board as item #11.1, and Council of Interstate Testing Agency (CITA) as item #11.2.

B. Approval of October 28, 2005 Meeting Minutes

The October 28, 2005 meeting minutes were approved as amended. Under item #5 there was grammar corrected in the last sentence. Under item #9 correction of a misspelled word in the title.

C. Introductions

This was the first meeting for recently appointed committee member, Corinne Boes, RDH. The Committee members and staff introduced themselves and Ms. Boes introduced herself to everyone.

**2. WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION (WSDHA)
SURVEY PREPARED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON – *handout***

Dr. Gary Hart provided draft survey results. The information from the survey is from 2002 and 2003 data. The Committee was concerned that by the time results are published the data has changed and may not accurately reflect current trends. The final survey result report is still being prepared. The Committee asked if they should administer their own survey. Current trends indicate there are about 270 new hygienists graduating in Washington each year with only 35 dentists graduating in the same year. There are currently 8 dental hygiene schools in Washington State.

**3. 2005-2007 DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE BUSINESS PLAN –
*handout***

The Committee reviewed the 2003-2005 business plan and added the four patient safety priorities from DOH, Secretary Mary Selecky for the 2005-2007 biennium. Ms. Brown will update the 2005-2007 business plan and provide an updated document to the Committee at the next meeting.

4. NON-APPROVED DENTAL HYGIENE SCHOOLS – *handout*

The Committee discussed the new dental hygiene programs that are available. WAC 246-815-030 only authorizes ADA accredited schools in effect as of January 1993. There are several dental hygiene schools that received accreditation after 1993. The Committee would like to amend WAC 246-815-030 to remove the 1993 date requirement. Ms. Brown will file a CR101 to open WAC 246-815-030 for amendment.

5. 2006 MEETING SCHEDULE – *handout*

The final 2006 meeting schedule was provided to the Committee. The May 5, 2006 meeting is scheduled to be held in the Vancouver area. Ms. Morrison has secured a conference room at Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital for the Committee to meet. Notice and directions will be published prior to the meeting.

6. RULES – WAC 246-815-110, 115, 120, 130 EXPANDED FUNCTIONS – *handout*

The Committee reviewed the current rules relating to the approved expanded function education courses and the need to update these rules. Legislation was passed in 1991 providing this licensing option. There are 30 states that teach anesthesia in their curriculum. The Committee questioned whether or not a two week course is enough education in anesthesia. Ms. Brown explained that these rules have created difficulty in licensing procedures and has created barriers to individuals trying to become licensed in Washington originally from other states. The Committee agreed to review the WAC's more thoroughly and address at the next meeting.

7. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT - *handouts*

Staff provided an update to the Committee on each of these areas:

- A. Budget - The October, November, and December 2005 interim operating reports were provided to the Committee.
- B. Licensing and Disciplinary Statistics – The statistics from October 11, 2005 through February 2, 2006 were provided to the Committee.
- C. Legislative Update – SB 6418, SB 6666 and HB 2463 bills were provided to the Committee. The bills seem to be continuously moving through the House and Senate. The Department of Health has asked for allotment authority to provide an additional Washington State Patrol background check.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – *no handout*

- 1. Rules
- 2. Business Plan
- 3. DANB Contract
- 4. DHEC Survey to Other states/jurisdictions

9. CONSENT AGENDA - CORRESPONDENCE

The following items and any additional correspondence received or sent is for the Committee's information. If separate discussion is desired on an item, a single motion by a committee member will place the specific item(s) on the regular business agenda. Otherwise, there will be no discussion of these items.

- 9.1** Staff provided for information only copies of DQAC correspondence that relates to the scope of practice for dental hygiene.

The Committee would like all DQAC corresponded provided to them.

10. WESTERN REGIONAL EXAMINING BOARD (WREB) - *handout*

Joella Pyatt attended the WREB January 7, 2006 meeting. The name has not changed but WREB has added a line "A National Dental & Dental Hygiene Testing Agency". WREB created a new dental hygienist position. Illinois, Nebraska, and Wisconsin have withdrawn from accepting the WREB exam. WREB is willing to come and present current trends and issues to the Committee. Judy Morrison indicated she will be on the WREB advisory committee for the restorative exam.

11. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS – (For discussion only)

11.1 Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) – Ms. King explained that there is a need to continue to contract with DANB due to the number of applicants that challenge exam results. We do not have the program staff to accommodate the expected workload. DANB has raised their fees this year. Previously the Committee provided \$13,000 per year and applicants paid \$40 to take the test. There are three options for the Committee to consider: First is to have the applicant cover the complete cost of the exam, estimated at \$125 per applicant test with no cost to the Committee. Second option is for the Committee to pay \$6,750 per year and \$80 for the applicant per test. Third option is for the Committee to cover the complete contract of \$16,000 per year and the applicant continues to pay \$40 per test. The Committee would like to schedule a special conference call meeting to vote on this issue.

11.2 Council of Interstate Testing Agency (CITA) – Correspondence provided to the Committee as information only.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Jennifer Bressi,
Program Support Manager

Peter Fox, Chairperson, Public Member